



# GEORGIA COMMISSION ON THE HOLOCAUST

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## REPRESENTATIVE ED RYNDERS RECEIVES GEORGIA COMMISSION ON THE HOLOCAUST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AWARD

On April 12, 2013, the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, on behalf of the State of Georgia, is hosting the annual State Official Observance "Days of Remembrance" of the victims of the Holocaust. The observance begins at 12:00 pm in the North Wing of the State Capitol.

The 2013 Executive Director's Award will be presented by Viki Staley to Representative Ed Rynders.

Representative Rynders is no stranger to public office. Prior to his membership in the General Assembly, he served as a Chairman for the Lee County Republican Party as well as Vice-Chairman of the Lee County Board of Elections. He is presently serving as the Vice Chairman of the General Government Subcommittee of Appropriations and Vice Chairman for the Health and Human Services Committee. His committee involvement also includes membership on the Intragovernmental Coordination, Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment, and Transportation Committees.

Representative Rynders is responsible for serving as the voice of the people in House District 152, which covers parts of Colquitt, Dougherty, Lee and Worth Counties. Outside of his legislative duties, Representative Rynders enjoys a career in property management. He is married to Jane Waddell Rynders. The couple has three children. They are devout members of the First United Methodist Church in Leesburg, Georgia.

In September of 2011, Representative Rynders launched the first trunk in the state-wide Holocaust Learning Trunk Project at Lee County Middle School and promoted the importance of good citizenship to the students of his community. The Holocaust Learning

Trunk Project is sponsored by the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, the Georgia Department of Education, and The Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc.

Following the presentation of this award, six candles will be lit by Holocaust survivors and Liberators in remembrance of the six million Jews that were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators.